

through the generations and we will be healthier for her efforts.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize and congratulate Mary Selecky on her retirement and for her longtime service to Washington State.

**NATIONAL HIGH PERFORMANCE  
PASSENGER RAIL TRANSPORTATION-ORIENTED  
DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013**

**HON. THOMAS E. PETRI**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, today, along with Representative LIPINSKI, I am introducing legislation to stimulate the financing of passenger rail development from revenues generated from transportation oriented development.

The National High Performance Passenger Rail Transportation Oriented Development Act aims to capture some of the increasing value of commercial development around station areas, which in turn would help finance rail corridor infrastructure and operational expenses. Besides providing a funding stream for intercity and passenger operations, the initiative places emphasis on intermodal connectors to create vibrant communities along the corridor. The legislation aims to begin a major public private partnership initiative that will revitalize America's rail infrastructure to create a true third passenger transportation option to highways and aviation while at the same time creating intermodal access for communities.

Under the proposal, the U.S. Department of Transportation will retain a Planning Developer who will establish guidelines for transportation oriented development programs, including special assessment districts or similar mechanisms to capture revenues from increasing commercial value. Rail corridor development funds will be established at the regional level to capture increasing real estate values. A stream of those revenues will be directed to support rail passenger operations.

The proposal permits qualified projects to apply for federal incentives to finance construction and produce jobs. These incentives will include direct access to existing Federal Railroad Administration and Federal Transit Administration programs. The initiative will be staffed by existing employees and remain revenue neutral in that all program activities, including the work of the Planning Developer, will be repaid once the high performance rail service and commercial development is implemented and generating revenues.

I hope that this bill will open a discussion on the possibilities and potential promise of passenger rail development in the U.S.

**HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH**

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Saint Thomas More Parish

in Fairfield, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2013.

The St. Thomas More Parish has been a staple of religious excellence in the Township of Fairfield over the past half a century. Founded in 1962, the parish has grown steadily, and today is made up of different groups of people within its organization to assist its parishioners. This includes the Pastoral Council that was put in place to assess the needs of the church and decide its future paths. The council is made up of members of the community in addition to the pastor and two other members of the parish's staff. They pride themselves on always being available to hear concerns, ideas, and opinions of the parish members.

Furthermore, St. Thomas More provides consistent adult education to those looking to learn more about their religion. Often times, these educators are taken directly from the community or surrounding parishes. The adult program is coupled with the Baptismal Team which provides new, young parents with education on how to properly prepare one another for their children to be baptized and how to cope with bringing an infant into their lives. The team not only helps guide them, but participates in the baptism and follows up with the family in the forthcoming months in order to maintain a continued relationship.

St. Thomas More takes great responsibility in ensuring the proper religious education for children who partake in the CCD program. Available from the ages of kindergarten to ninth grade, there are individuals trained to demonstrate and teach the concepts of Catholicism to the children. The Parish has said that, "The goal is to have the children realize that being a Catholic Christian is a way of life. It is a spiritual journey that one walks to grow in faith, to make a Christian difference in the world." These instructors work together to guarantee they are on the same page at all times.

The Parish also offers intense spiritual programs, such as Cornerstone, that enable men and women to take part in a 26 hour retreat, intended to bring to light a buried sense of faith and show these adults that they are not alone in their struggles. Sponsored by the lead Pastor, the church offers many social groups such as Bible study, prayer groups, adult, children, and bell choirs, high school music ensembles, senior clubs, and various committees. Specifically these committees include an Evangelization committee, a Stewardship committee, a Eucharist committee, and a music committee that oversees all music in the Church.

Lastly, St. Thomas More continually strives to give back to those who need assistance in the community. They do this through programs such as the Giving Tree during Christmas, a food pantry year round, soup kitchens, and a Homebound Ministry that provides elderly members of the community with volunteers to assist with their needs. Moreover, their Annual Carnival has become an important part of the season, allowing community members to celebrate the word of God with fellow parishioners.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the St. Thomas More Parish as it celebrates its 50th anniversary.

**RECOGNIZING THE ARIZONA  
STATE MUSEUM ON THE 120TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF ITS FOUNDING**

**HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the Arizona State Museum on the 120th anniversary of its founding.

Established by the territorial legislature in 1893, Arizona State Museum is the oldest and largest anthropology museum in the region, focusing on the indigenous cultures of Arizona, the American Southwest, and northern Mexico.

The museum's seminal field research in the early 20th century is the foundation on which the very discipline of Southwest anthropology sits.

The museum's laboratory research sets worldwide standards in object preservation.

The museum's collections research continues to inform the world about the ancient, historic, and present-day southwestern cultures of this great nation.

The museum's award-winning and nationally recognized exhibits and public programs celebrate the vibrant and enduring cultures of the region with international audiences.

The museum's archaeological repository is the largest and busiest state-run facility in the country.

The museum is a national model in working with Arizona's tribal leadership under NAGPRA, to repatriate items of cultural heritage, having respectfully returned or reinterred thousands of sets of human remains and funerary objects. The museum began this important work years before NAGPRA became law and continues to be a leader in this effort. Last year, an Arizona State Museum/Bureau of Indian Affairs joint project transferred 1,148 sets of human remains and 2,827 funerary objects to the Hopi, Zuni, and White Mountain Apache tribes.

As it cares for millions of artifacts in perpetuity, the museum is home to the world's largest collections of Southwest Indian pottery and American Indian basketry—both collections having been designated American Treasures.

Best wishes to Arizona State Museum, itself a National Treasure, after a century and a score of national leadership in research, preservation, collections care, and public outreach.

**NATIONAL RETIREMENT  
PLANNING WEEK**

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 12, 2013*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Retirement Planning Week. National Retirement Planning Week is an important effort to get more Americans thinking about their long-term financial goals, and building toward a strong foundation for a financially secure future.

The recent economic downturn illustrated how retirement planning for many in America

is inadequate. Today, more than 70 million American workers do not have access or do not participate in any employer-based retirement benefits. Approximately 57 percent of American workers have less than \$25,000 saved for retirement, a figure that has increased from 49 percent since 2008. As wages fail to keep up with inflation, millions of Americans are finding it increasingly difficult to put away toward their retirement—especially when it impacts their ability to meet the challenges of everyday living expenses.

As we celebrate Financial Literacy Month this April, retirement planning and financial literacy have never been more relevant. That is why today I am introducing the National Financial Literacy Act of 2013, a bill that looks to promote increased understanding and awareness of the consequences of financial decisionmaking. Retirement planning is a chief component of our financial decisionmaking, and is critical to sustaining and growing the middle class.

Mr. Speaker, as Members of Congress, we must continue to promote policies that will help educate future generations on the importance of retirement planning, while supporting critical federal programs such as Social Security. We must support American workers and educate individuals on the importance of working toward a stable and secure financial future.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF TRISTAN WADE

#### HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a hero laid to rest in my district this weekend.

Sergeant Tristan Wade joined the Army while still attending Southport High School and served bravely as a combat engineer in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Without question, his work saved lives.

Tragically, he lost his own on March 22 in Afghanistan at the hands of an improvised explosive device.

His commanding officer paid him the ultimate soldier's tribute, saying "he gave his life to free the oppressed."

A highly decorated non-commissioned officer, Tristan was known to friends and family for his putting the well-being of others over his own.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Tristan Wade—a proud American, a Hoosier, and soldier—and letting his wife, children, parents, family, and friends know that while he will be missed, his sacrifice will never be forgotten.

#### HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE (TCI)

#### HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor The Children's Institute, located

in Verona, Essex County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The Children's Institute began as an orphanage in Newark, New Jersey in 1883. Eventually in the 1960s, after recognizing that there were other needs in the community, the board decided to convert the orphanage into a school for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities that were not currently being cared for by local schools. In 1963, The Children's Institute, located in Livingston, New Jersey, was formed as one of the first statewide, non-profit special education facilities. For the next forty-six years, TCI continued to help children until expansion was needed as a result of the growing needs of the community. In 1999, the Children's institute was able to move into a much larger, 47,000 square ft. facility, in Verona, New Jersey, donated by the Swiss global health-care pharmaceutical company, Hoffmann-LaRoche.

In late October of 2012, TCI opened up a brand new 42,000 sq foot second facility in Livingston. This facility will focus on autism in adolescents, aged 14 to 18, and a program for young adults, 21 and over, focusing on independence.

For nearly half a century, The Children's Institute has been helping young adults and adolescents battling autism and related diseases overcome these obstacles to achieve success. Specifically, TCI has been helping children with their development of communication, social, behavioral, life, academic, and career skills. The Institute has done extensive research and gathered evidence to determine which strategies work best in helping their children. These strategies include Applied Behavioral Analysis, Differentiated Instruction, and Universal Design. With the high rate of autism in New Jersey, The Children's Institute hopes that, through these strategies, they can have a major impact on the children's lives and provide them with the same life opportunities they would have if they were not afflicted with an unfortunate disability.

The Institute takes pride in the fact that their children have the same learning experiences and activities that are given to students at local schools, emphasizing the installation of 21st century technology and accommodations needed to succeed. TCI's curriculum is designed to teach so that the student can find and enhance their own, individual talents and capabilities. Moreover, TCI gives its students the chance for integration into community activities with a focus on interaction with non-disabled children so as to eliminate barriers obstructing social growth. Will tuition being paid by local school districts, this comprehensive education is provided at no cost to the families. This generosity is essential to help these children with their struggles. Promoting determination in every student to instill independence and productivity has been the main goal of The Children's Institute since its inception in 1963.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating The Children's Institute, its trustees and wonderful, professional staff, as they celebrates their 50th anniversary.

#### CONGRATULATING THE MERSHON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED ON THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

#### HON. DANIEL T. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited on the 50th anniversary of their founding. The chapter, located in my district in Saginaw, has played a key role in the birth and growth of Trout Unlimited nationally. This great achievement is a testament to their dedication and passion to fight for clean water, healthy trout and the continued enjoyment of trout fishing. Their contributions to our community and the Great Lakes region over the past 50 years are achievements to be celebrated and commended.

The chapter has worked hard over the years to improve trout habitat and maintain Michigan's waterways, and I thank them for their efforts in community education and stream restoration projects. As a leader in environmental conservation, the Mershon Chapter has made great advancements in the scientific understanding and responsible treatment of trout. I commend the chapter's tireless work to restore the Au Sable River and Rifle River banks by dredging loose sediment, planting cedar trees, and moving rocks to combat runoff. Their work shoring riverbanks, by cabling structures that support the banks, has ensured that the rivers can continue to be used each spring for the transportation of timber to ports and mills. This work significantly benefits our economy, our environment and our community.

Along with the entire Trout Unlimited organization, the chapter has dedicated thousands of hours to provide happiness and to improve the well-being of the people of Michigan, and the contributions the chapter has kindly donated to environmental restoration efforts has helped to ensure that future generations will continue to enjoy and benefit from Michigan's freshwater ecosystems. Furthermore, the waterways that they help protect assist in the state's commerce and provide fresh drinking water to millions of people who live in the Great Lakes area, which is essential to all residents in our state.

Their leadership and influence will serve as an example to others in our area and has earned them the highest respect and honor. I want to thank the Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and congratulate them on their 50 years of service. I wish them another 50 years of success in the future.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE BICENTENNIAL OF ORWIGSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

#### HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow the community of Orwigsburg, located in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, within my district, will celebrate its bicentennial year of existence, and I rise to honor and congratulate